

FEATURES

- Low Start-Up Current: $< 250\mu\text{A}$
- 50ns Current Sense Delay
- Current Mode Operation: To 500kHz
- Pin Compatible with UC1842 Series
- Undervoltage Lockout with Hysteresis
- No Cross-Conduction Current
- Trimmed Bandgap Reference
- 1A Totem Pole Output
- Trimmed Oscillator Frequency and Sink Current
- Active Pull-Down on Reference and Output During Undervoltage Lockout
- High Level Output Clamp: 18V
- Current Sense Leading Edge Blanking

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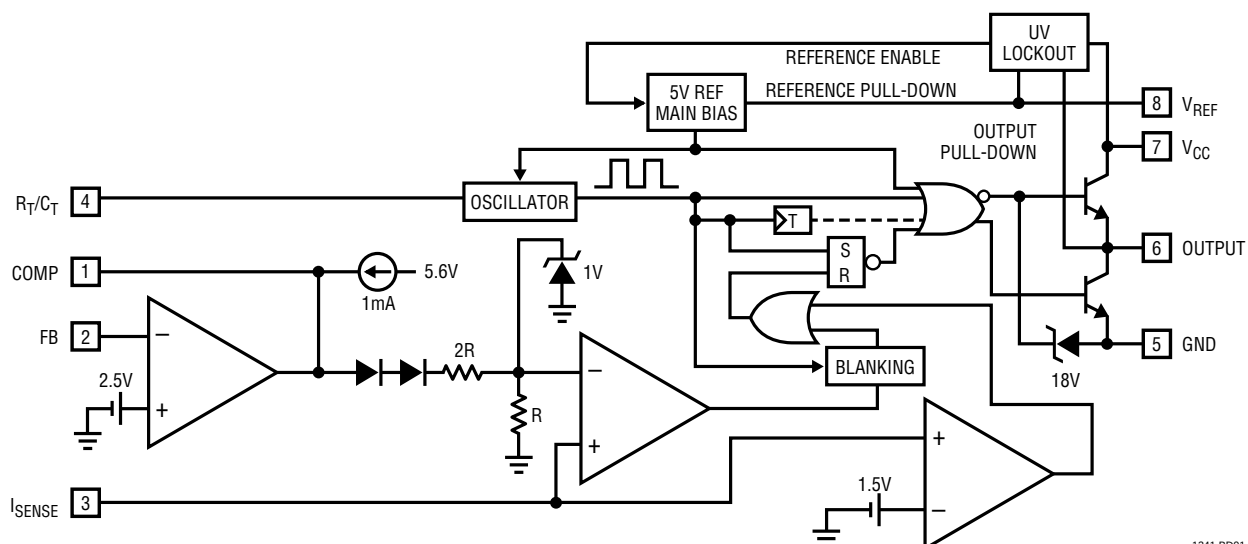
- Off-Line Converters
- DC/DC Converters

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DESCRIPTION

The LT[®]1241 series devices are 8-pin, fixed frequency, current mode, pulse width modulators. They are improved plug compatible versions of the industry standard UC1842 series. These devices have both improved speed and lower quiescent current. The LT1241 series is optimized for off-line and DC/DC converter applications. They contain a temperature-compensated reference, high gain error amplifier, current sensing comparator and a high current totem pole output stage ideally suited to driving power MOSFETs. Start-up current has been reduced to less than $250\mu\text{A}$. Cross-conduction current spikes in the output stage have been eliminated, making 500kHz operation practical. Several new features have been incorporated. Leading edge blanking has been added to the current sense comparator. Trims have been added to the oscillator circuit for both frequency and sink current, and both of these parameters are tightly specified. The output stage is clamped to a maximum V_{OUT} of 18V in the on state. The output and the reference output are actively pulled low during undervoltage lockout.

BLOCK DIAGRAM



LT1241 Series

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Supply Voltage	25V
Output Current	$\pm 1A^*$
Output Energy (Capacitive Load per Cycle)	5 μ J
Analog Inputs (Pins 2, 3)	-0.3 to 6V
Error Amplifier Output Sink Current	10mA
Power Dissipation at $T_A \leq 25^\circ\text{C}$	1W
Operating Junction Temperature Range	
LT124XC	0°C to 100°C
LT124XI	-40°C to 100°C
LT124XM	-55°C to 125°C
Storage Temperature Range	-65°C to 150°C
Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 sec)	300°C

*The 1A rating for output current is based on transient switching requirements.

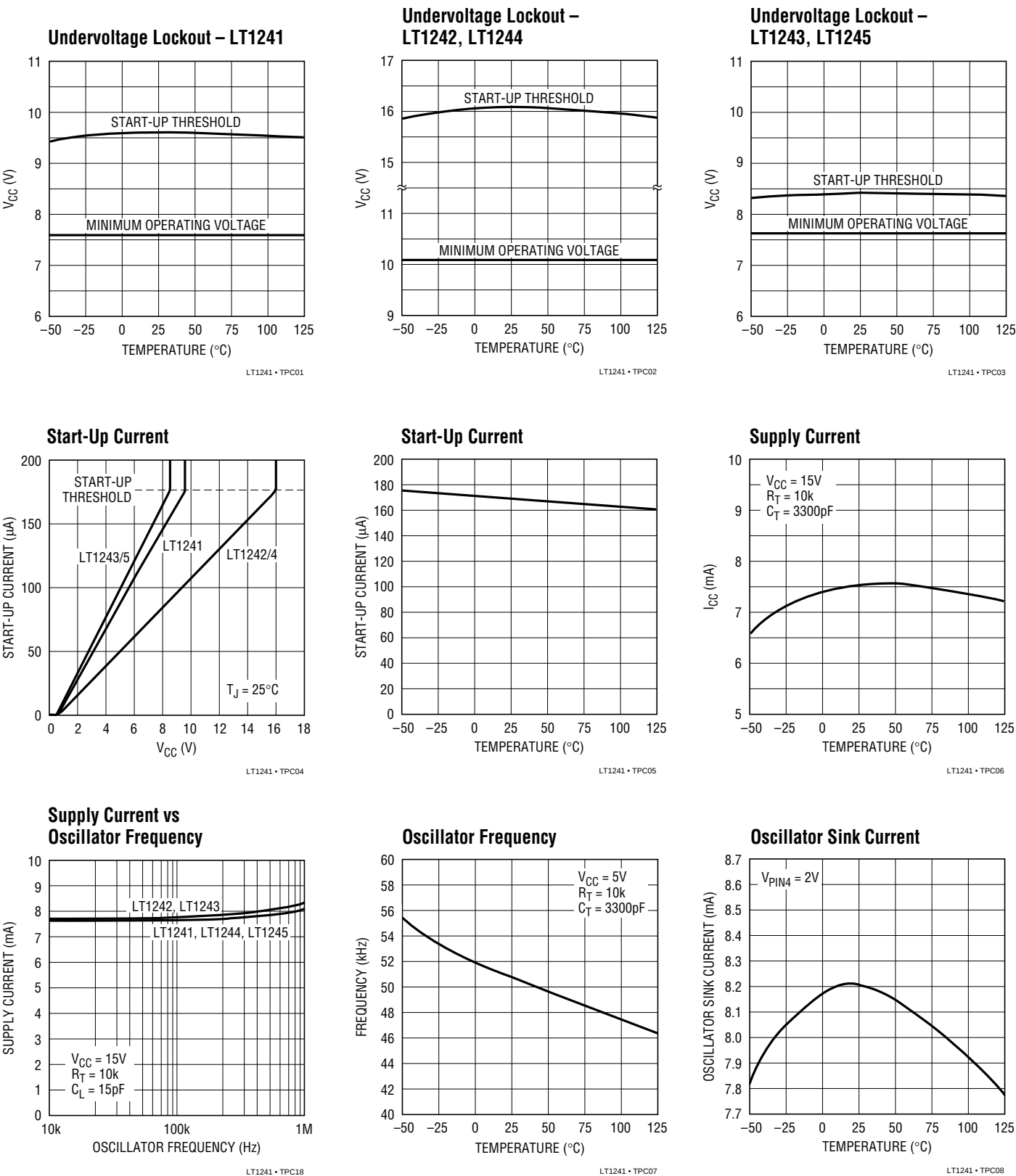
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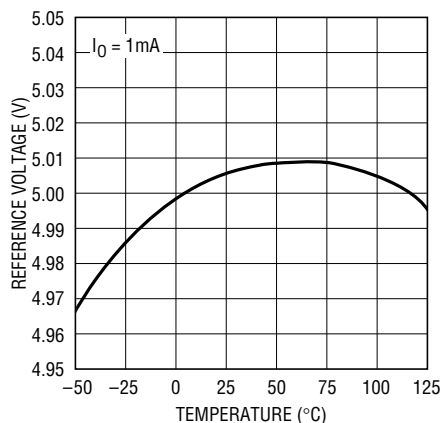
PARAMETER	CONDITIONS		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Error Amplifier Section						
Output Voltage High Level	$V_{PIN2} = 2.3V$, $R_L = 15k$ to GND	●	5	5.6		V
Output Voltage Low Level	$V_{PIN2} = 2.7V$, $R_L = 15k$ to Pin 8	●		0.2	1.1	V
Current Sense Section						
Gain		●	2.85	3.00	3.15	V/V
Maximum Current Sense Input Threshold	$V_{PIN3} < 1.1V$	●	0.90	1.00	1.10	V
Power Supply Rejection Ratio		●		70		dB
Input Bias Current		●		-1	10	μA
Delay to Output		●		50	100	ns
Blanking Time				100		ns
Blanking Override Voltage						

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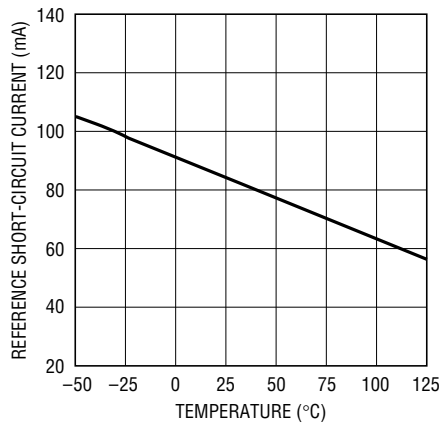
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Reference Voltage



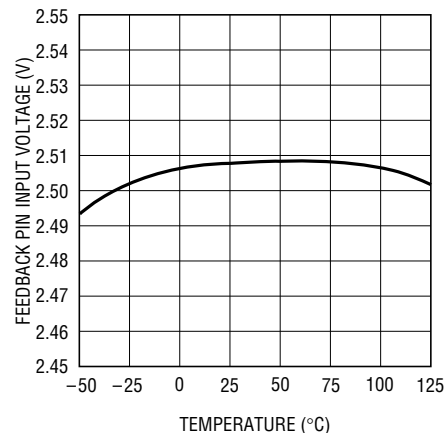
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Reference Short-Circuit Current



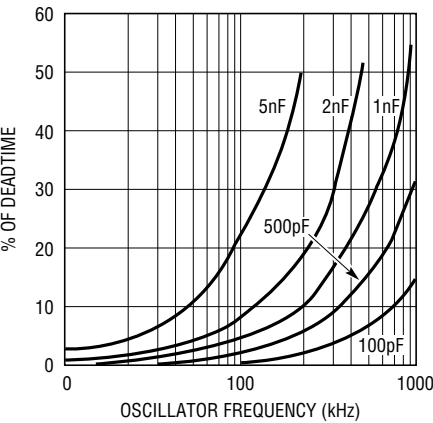
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Feedback Pin Input Voltage

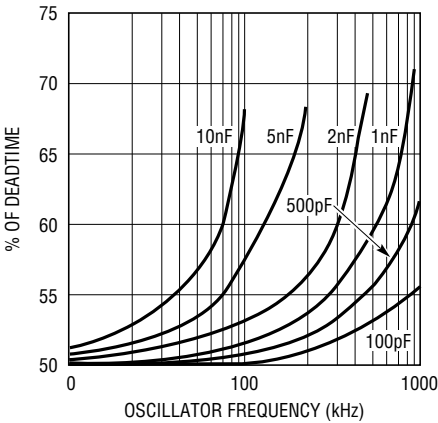


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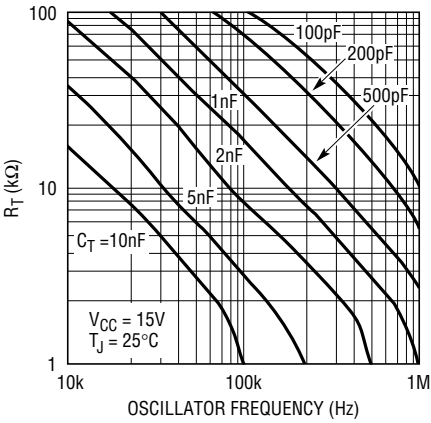
Output Deadtime vs Oscillator Frequency – LT1242, LT1244



Output Deadtime vs Oscillator Frequency – LT1241, LT1243, LT1245



Timing Resistor vs Oscillator Frequency



PIN FUNCTIONS

COMP (Pin 1): Compensation Pin. This pin is the output of the Error Amplifier and is made available for loop compensation. It can also be used to adjust the maximum value of the current sense clamp voltage to less than 1V. This pin can source a minimum of 0.5mA (0.8mA typ) and sink a minimum of 2mA (4mA typ).

FB (Pin 2) Voltage Feedback Pin. This pin is the inverting input of the error amplifier. The output voltage is normally fed back to this pin through a resistive divider. The non-inverting input of the error amplifier is internally committed to a 2.5V reference point.

ISENSE (Pin 3): Current Sense Pin. This is the input to the current sense comparator. The trip point of the comparator is set by, and is proportional to, the output voltage of the Error Amplifier.

R_T/C_T (Pin 4): The oscillator frequency and the deadtime are set by connecting a resistor (R_T) from V_{REF} to R_T/C_T and a capacitor (C_T) from R_T/C_T to GND.

The rise time of the oscillator waveform is set by the RC time constant of R_T and C_T . The fall time, which is equal to the output deadtime, is set by a combination of the RC time constant and the oscillator sink current (8.2mA typ).

GND (Pin 5): Ground.

OUTPUT (Pin 6): This pin is the output of a high current totem pole output stage. It is capable of driving up to $\pm 1A$ of current into a capacitive load such as the gate of a MOSFET.

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for various values of R_T and C_T appear in the Typical Performance Characteristics section. Frequency and deadtime can also be calculated using the following formulas:

$$\text{Oscillator Rise Time: } t_r = 0.583 \cdot RC$$

$$\text{Oscillator Discharge Time: } t_d = \frac{3.46 \cdot RC}{(0.0164)R - 11.73}$$

$$\text{Oscillator Period: } T_{OSC} = t_r + t_d$$

$$\text{Oscillator Frequency: } f_{OSC} = \frac{1}{T_{OSC}}$$

Maximum Duty Cycle:

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$$D_{MAX} = \frac{t_r}{2 T_{OSC}} = \frac{T_{OSC} - t_d}{2 T_{OSC}}$$

$$\text{LT1242, LT1243 } D_{MAX} = \frac{t_r}{T_{OSC}} = \frac{T_{OSC} - t_d}{T_{OSC}}$$

The above formulas will give values that will be accurate to approximately $\pm 5\%$, at the oscillator, over the full operating frequency range. This is due to the fact that the oscillator trip levels are constant versus frequency and the discharge current and initial oscillator frequency are trimmed. Some fine adjustment may be required to achieve more accurate results. Once the final <

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Current Sense Comparator and PWM Latch

LT1241 series devices are current mode controllers. Under normal operating conditions the output (Pin 6) is turned on at the start of every oscillator cycle, coincident with the rising edge of the oscillator waveform. The output is then turned off when the current reaches a threshold level proportional to the error voltage at the output of the error amplifier. Once the output is turned off it is latched off until the start of the next cycle. The peak current is thus proportional to the error voltage and is controlled on a cycle by cycle basis. The peak switch current is normally sensed by placing a sense resistor in the source lead of the output MOSFET. This resistor converts the switch current to a voltage that can be fed into the current sense input. For normal operating conditions the peak inductor current, which is equal to the peak switch current, will be equal to:

$$I_{PK} = \frac{(V_{PIN1} - 1.4V)}{(3R_S)}$$

During fault conditions the maximum threshold voltage at the input of the current sense comparator is limited by the internal 1V clamp at the inverting input. The peak switch current will be equal to:

$$I_{PK(MAX)} = \frac{1.0V}{R_S}$$

In certain applications, such as high power regulators, it may be desirable to limit the maximum threshold voltage to less than 1V in order to limit the power dissipated in the sense resistor or to limit the short-circuit current of the regulator circuit. This can be accomplished by clamping the output of the error amplifier. A voltage level of approximately 1.4V at the output of the error amplifier will give a threshold voltage of 0V. A voltage level of approximately 4.4V at the output of the error amplifier will give a threshold level of 1V. Between 1.4V and 4.4V the threshold voltage will change by a factor of one-third of the

change in the error amplifier output voltage. The threshold voltage will

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Undervoltage Lockout

The LT1241 series devices incorporate an undervoltage lockout comparator which prevents the internal reference circuitry and the output from starting up until the supply voltage reaches the start-up threshold voltage. The quiescent current, below the start-up threshold, has been reduced to less than 250 μ A (170 μ A typ.) to minimize the power loss due to the bleed resistor used for start-up in off-line converters. In undervoltage lockout both V_{REF} (Pin 8) and the output (Pin 6) are actively pulled low by Darlington connected PNP transistors. They are designed to sink a few milliamps of current and will pull down to about 1V. The pull-down transistor at the reference pin can be used to reset the external soft start capacitor. The pull-down transistor at the output eliminates the external pull-down resistor required, with earlier devices, to hold the external MOSFET gate low during undervoltage lockout.

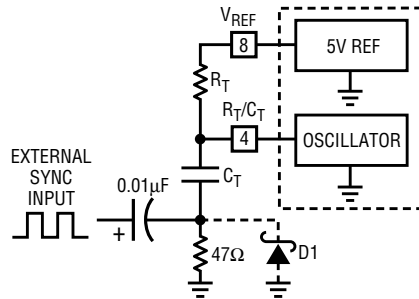
Output

The LT1241 series devices incorporate a single high current totem pole output stage. This output stage is capable of driving up to ± 1 A of output current. Cross-conduction current spikes in the output totem pole have been eliminated. This device is primarily intended for driving MOSFET switches. Rise time is typically 40ns and fall time is typically 30ns when driving a 1.0nF load. A clamp is built into the device to prevent the output from rising above 18V in order to protect the gate of the MOSFET switch.

The output is actively pulled low during undervoltage lockout by a Darlington PNP. This PNP is designed to sink several milliamps and will pull the output down to approximately 1V. This active pull-down eliminates the need for an external resistor which was required in older designs. The output pin of the device connects directly to the emitter of the upper NPN drive transistor and the collector of the lower NPN drive transistor in the totem pole. The collector of the lower transistor, which is n-type silicon, forms a p-n junction with the substrate of the device. This junction is reverse biased during normal operation.

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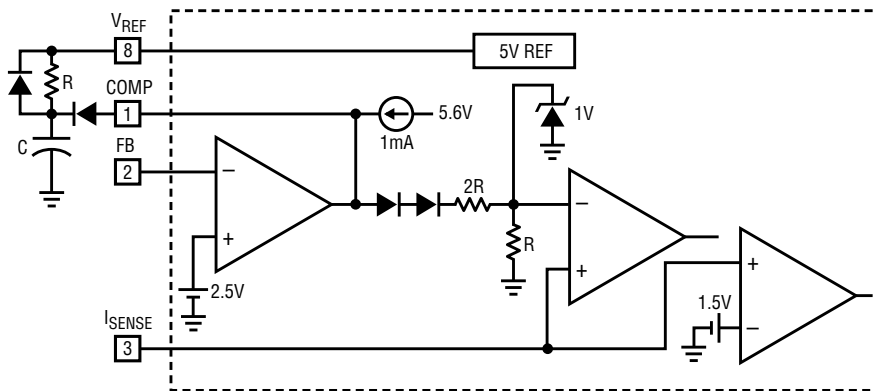
External Clock Synchronization



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Soft Start

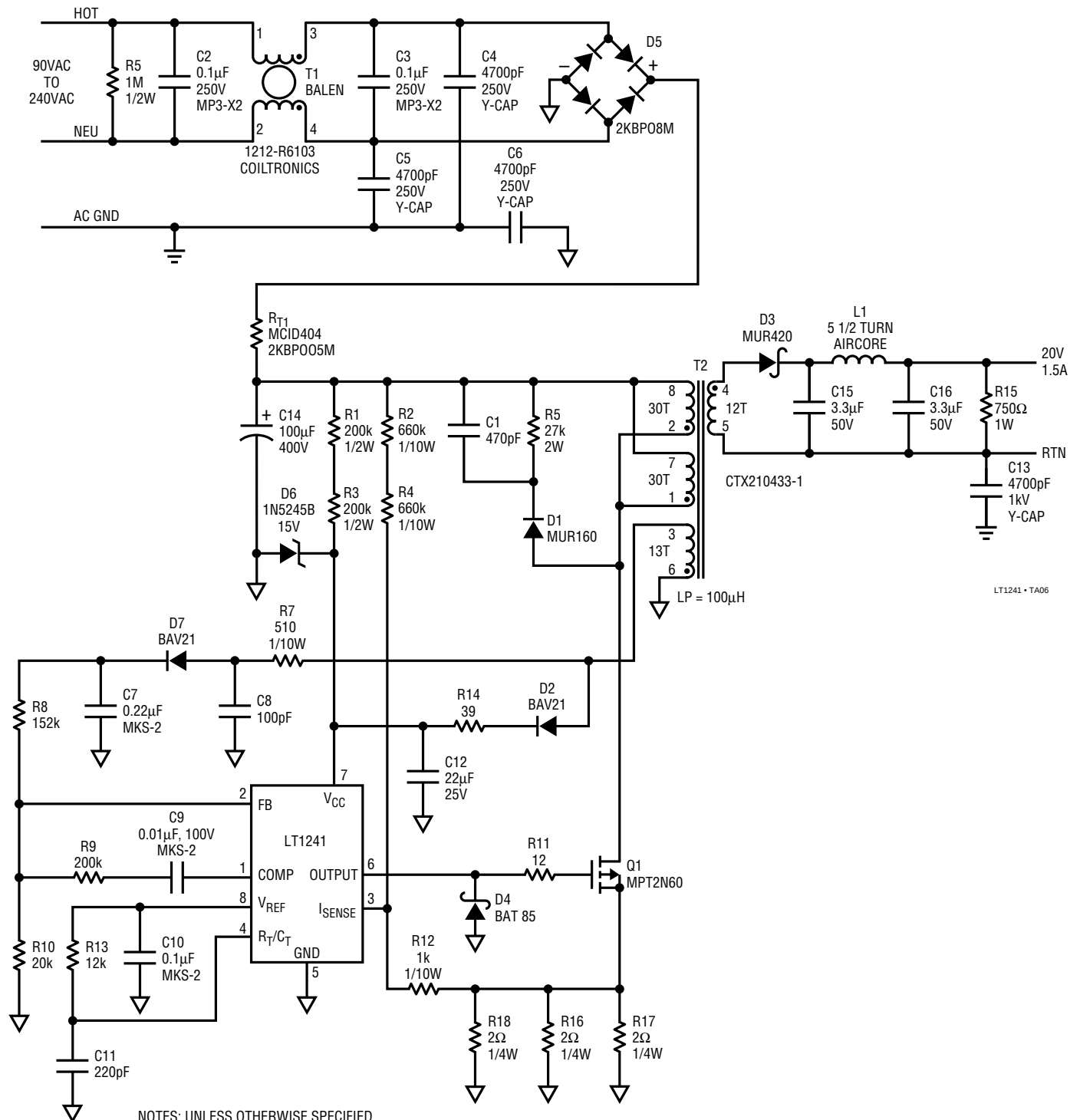


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Adjustable Clamp Level with Soft Start

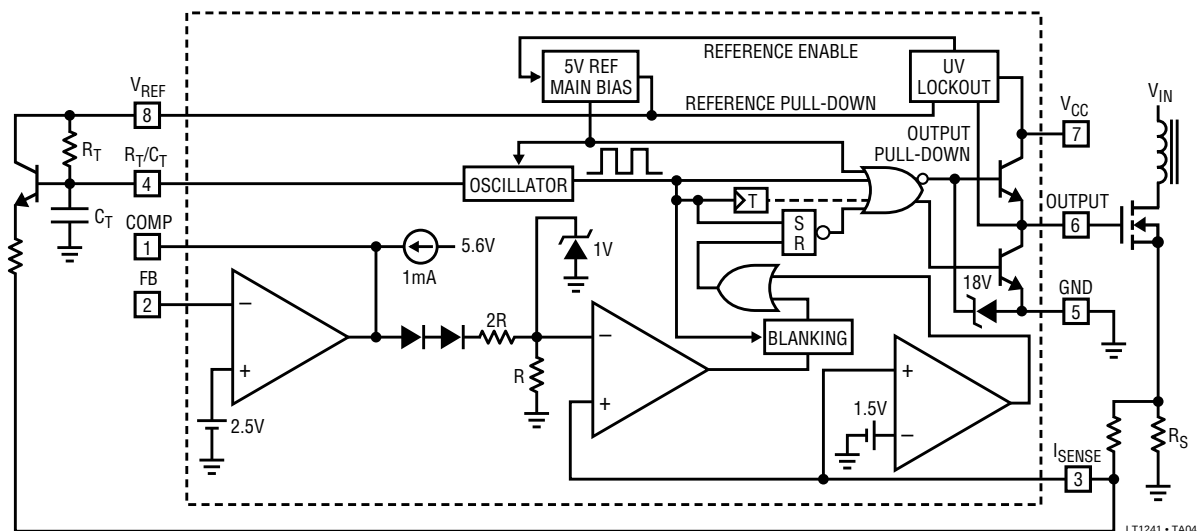
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300kHz Off-Line Power Supply



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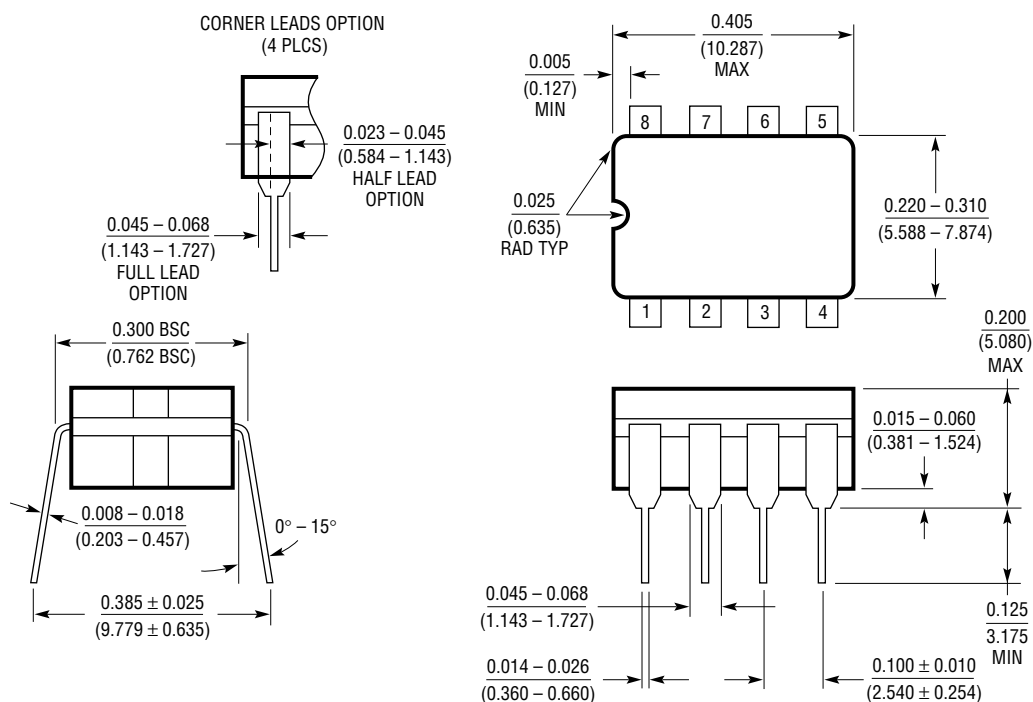
Slope Compensation at I_{SENSE} Pin



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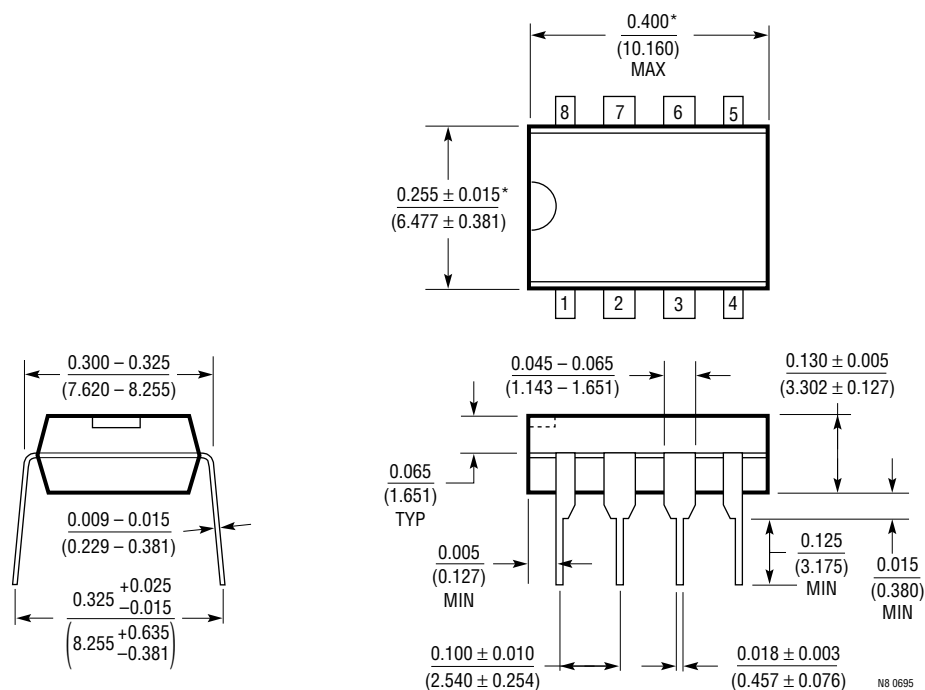
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J8 Package
8-Lead CERDIP (Narrow 0.300, Hermetic)
 (LTC DWG # 05-08-1110)



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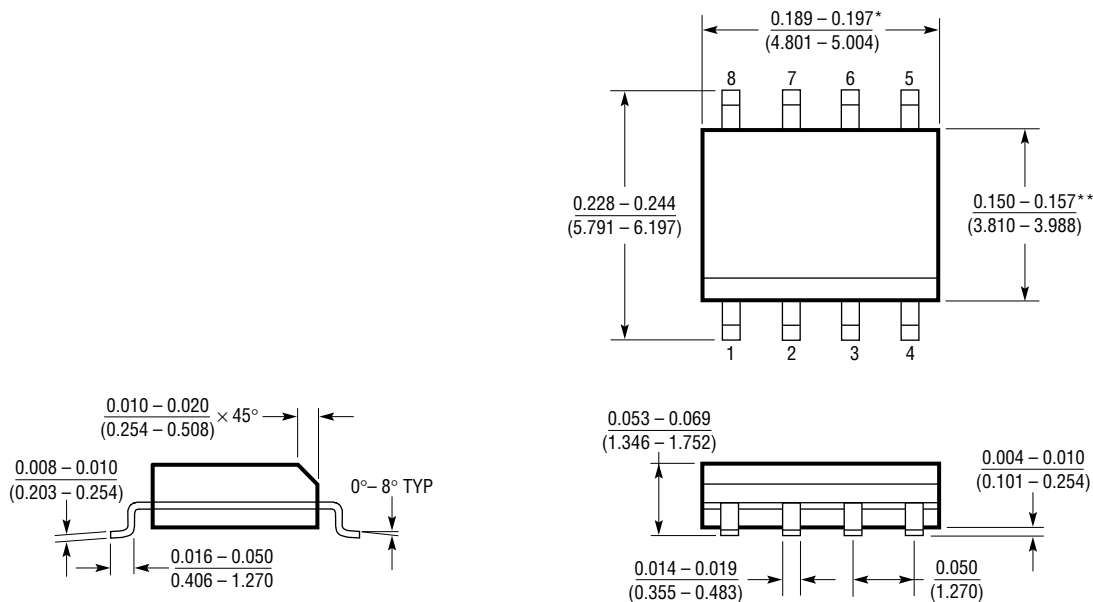
N8 Package 8-Lead PDIP (Narrow 0.300) (LTC DWG # 05-08-1510)



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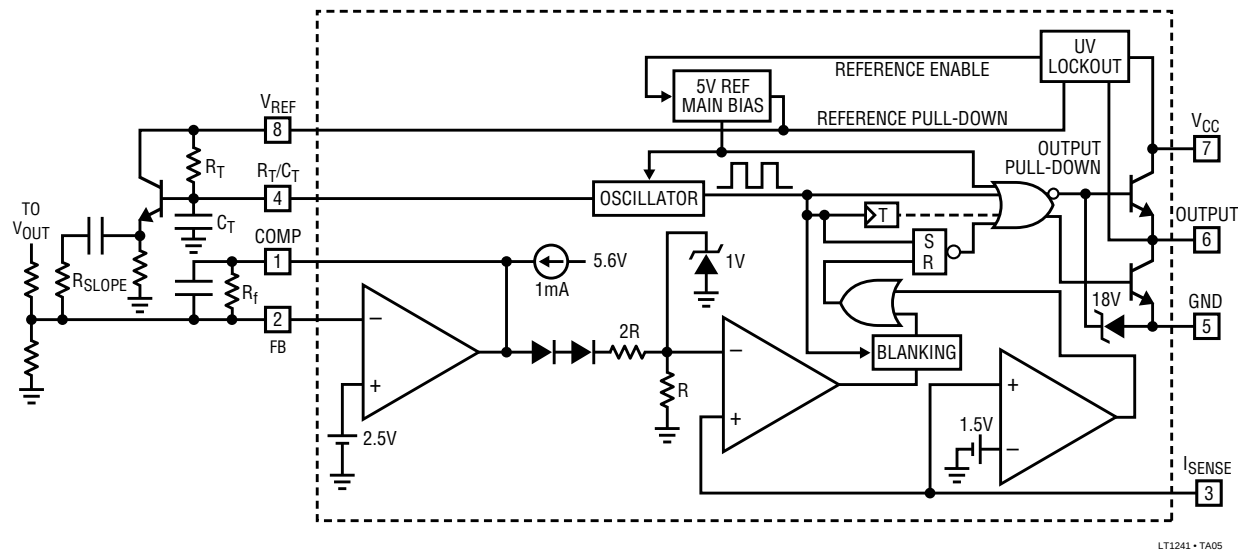
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S8 Package 8-Lead Plastic Small Outline (Narrow 0.150) (LTC DWG # 05-08-1610)



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Slope Compensation at Error Amp



RELATED PARTS

PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
LT1246	1MHz Current Mode PWM	16V Start-Up Threshold, 10V Minimum Operating Voltage
LT1248/LT1249	Power Factor Controllers	Minimal Parts Count
LT1372	High Efficiency Switching Regulator	500kHz 1.5A Boost Regulator
LT1376	1.5A 500kHz Step-Down Switching Regulator	Steps Down from Up to 25V Using 4.7μH Inductors
LT1509	Power Factor and PWM Controller	Complete Solution for Universal Off-Line Switching Power Supplies